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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS OF YAR PM ABDAL AZIZ ABDAL GHANI

1. ABDAL ZIZ TOLD CHARGE RANSOM MAY 16 THAT HE WISHED  
VERY MUCH TO TRAVEL TO US TO ACCEPT HONORARY DEGREE FROM  
UNIVERSITY  
COLORADO AND CALLED IT "CHANCE OF A LIFETIME."  
IN THE SAME BREATH, HOWEVER, HE SAID HE COULD NOT LEAVE  
YEMEN UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED AND PRESIDENT GHASHMI  
GAVE HIS ASSENT. ABDAL ZIZ THOUGHT THERE WAS GOOD  
CHANCE THAT LAST REMAINING ISSUES ON NEW CABINET WOULD  
BE SOLVED IN A FEW DAYS AND THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO  
MAKE THE MAY 26 COMMENCEMENT DATE IN COLORADO IN GOOD  
TIME. BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY, HOWEVER, HE HAS DECIDED  
THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF HE NOT TRY TO VISIT WASHINGTON  
DURING THIS TRIP. INSTEAD, HE WILL MAKE IT PERSONAL  
TRAVEL ONLY, WITH HIS WIFE, VISITING COLORADO THEN PERHAPS  
SAN FRANCISCO AREA, AND FINALLY NEW YORK FOR A FEW  
DAYS IN JUNE. ACTION REQUESTED: COULD NEA/ARP  
PLEASE NOTIFY UNIVERSITY COLORADO THAT ABDAL AZIZ STILL  
PLANS TO ATTEND, BUT THAT HE IS UNDERSTANDABLY DELAYED  
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BY DIFFICULTIES IN FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY  
WILL NOTIFY DESK AS SOON AS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
PM'S TRAVEL PLANS KNOWN.

2. ABDAL AZIZ SAID HE WISHED TO SPEND A FEW  
DAYS IN COLORADO WITH HIS WIFE, AND THAT PERHAPS  
UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS MIGHT ASSIST. AFTER THAT HE THINKS

HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO AREA ON HIS OWN  
AND HE SAID HE WOULD MAKE HIS OWN TRAVEL PLANS.  
HE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK FOR ANY SECURITY PROTECTION  
DURING HIS VISIT AND IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HE  
WISHES TO MAKE IT AS PRIVATE AS POSSIBLE. FOLLOWING  
HIS COLORADO AND CALIFORNIA TRAVEL, ABDAL AZIZ WISHES  
TO VISIT NEW YORK CITY DURING FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.  
HE READILY ACCEPTED CHARGE RANSOM'S SUGGESTION  
THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO BE IN CONTACT WITH FREDERICK  
H.S. ALLEN OF MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST, AND ALSO WITH  
DAVID ROCKEFELLER. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD DESK  
PLEASE TELEPHONE FREDERICK ALLEN AT (212) 483-4682  
AND TELL HIM THAT CHARGE RANSOM HAD TOLD PRIME  
MINISTER THAT ALLEN WOULD EXTEND SOME HOSPITALITY  
INCLUDING SPECIFIC SUGGESTION OF "NIGHT ON TOWN,"  
PERHAPS A THEATRE SHOW, OR SOMETHING SIMILAR. DESK  
ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTACT DAVID ROCKEFELLER'S  
OFFICE AND TELL IT THAT PRIME MINISTER IS AVAILABLE TO  
MEET WITH ROCKEFELLER OR OTHER BUSINESSMEN, AND WOULD  
ALSO BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN LIMITED PUBLIC RELATIONS  
ACTIVITIES WHILE IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY WILL ENSURE  
THAT ABDAL AZIZ HAS FREDERICK ALLEN'S ADDRESS AND TELE-  
PHONE NUMBER, BUT WE SUGGEST THAT ALLEN MAY WISH  
TO MEET ABDAL AZIZ UPON ARRIVAL. WE WILL ATTEMPT  
TO GET ANY INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC TRAVEL PLANS TO  
DESK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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